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NAMES OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

W. EDGAR MARTIN, *President.*

WILLIAM S. BRIRY, *Secretary.*

CHARLES F. RIPLEY.

JOHN J. TOBIN.

JOHN F. HAYES.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

To His Excellency SAMUEL W. McCALL, *Governor.*

SIR: — In compliance with section 22, chapter 76, of the laws of the Commonwealth, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy respectfully submits the following report.

While business in general is enjoying a period of prosperity, reports from various parts of the State would indicate that although the drug business is having its share of increased volume dealers find it hard to maintain a proper ratio between cost and selling price. On account of the continually increasing cost of material entering into their products manufacturers, almost without exception, have advanced their prices, while retail prices have remained practically unchanged.

In common with other lines, the help problem has come to be a serious factor with the retail druggist. Competent clerks are at a premium, and while this Board has endeavored to bring about a condition of proper supervision in all drug stores, some of the smaller dealers have found burdensome the expense thus entailed.

We believe that all medicines of whatever nature should be restricted to properly registered drug stores, or to such departments of stores as are supervised by registered pharmacists. This would not only be a step towards protecting the public health and safety, but would insure to the druggist that business which properly belongs to him.

During the past year this Board has been very active in its effort to eliminate the sale of potent drugs and preparations containing narcotics by persons not registered as pharmacists,

and by stores not being registered as drug stores. A number of such stores have been closed. In many instances, also, unregistered persons having obtained some favorite prescription have compounded the same and peddled it. At the present time these persons are not under the control of any commission. Realizing the difficulty of thus protecting the public, this Board feels that the time has come to request legislation for the supervision of these unregistered persons and stores, and it also feels that it is competent to successfully carry on the work and to make rules and regulations governing the same.

We also desire legislation requiring the police departments of cities and towns to furnish a list of all stores other than pharmacies which sell patent and proprietary medicines. In this way much needed information can be obtained which will assist the Board in a proper enforcement of the law without great trouble to the local authorities. Through the reports of officers, the police departments have a far better opportunity of knowing the conditions in their respective cities and towns than this Board which has supervision over the entire state.

Secretary Briery and Mr. Tobin were appointed by Your Excellency as delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy held in Philadelphia August 30 to September 2, inclusive. Problems of particular interest to this Board were discussed. We believe that the deliberations of the National Association assist our Board materially in its work, and we would recommend a continuation of our affiliation with the National Association.

Mr. Joseph E. Buswell, the venerable and respected agent, who gave this Board many years of faithful and efficient service, was retired with pension in May. He was particularly qualified for this work, and his extensive knowledge of stores and conditions throughout the State made him a valuable help to the Board. An examination under civil service regulations of candidates for the position of agent has been held, and a list of those eligible for this position is now under consideration.

We are pleased to report that we have not only been able to finish the year within our appropriation, but have returned to the Commonwealth a sizable surplus.

Probably no other business is subject to so many restricting laws as the drug trade, and it is gratifying to be able to report that the majority of druggists display a keen interest in maintaining a high standard for their profession by a desire to live within the provisions of the law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. EDGAR MARTIN.
WILLIAM S. BRIRY.
CHARLES F. RIPLEY.
JOHN J. TOBIN.
JOHN F. HAYES.

By process of law the term of Charles F. Ripley expired November 30. Mr. Ripley enjoyed the distinction of having been thrice appointed to this Board, he having filled two unexpired terms and one full term of appointment. This alone is a sufficient monument to the esteem in which he is held by his fellow druggists and to his characteristic fairness in all his official acts. His long service made him in effect the "dean" of the Board, and it is with the deepest regret that we part with his valued help, his congenial companionship and abundant good fellowship.

W. EDGAR MARTIN.
WILLIAM S. BRIRY.
JOHN J. TOBIN.
JOHN F. HAYES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Meetings for examinations have been held on dates and with results as follows:—

EXAMINATIONS.

1915—16.	Number of Days.	Number examined.	Number granted Full Registration.	Number granted Assistant Certificates.	Number of Assistants failing to receive Full Registration.	Number found not Qualified to receive any Certificate.
December 7,	1	13	2	3	2	6
December 13,	1	16	2	2	9	3
December 14,	1	14	2	2	5	5
January 4,	1	16	0	5	7	4
January 11,	1	13	3	2	6	2
January 18,	1	16	4	5	6	1
January 24,	1	13	6	1	6	0
February 1,	1	14	1	2	9	2
February 8,	1	16	3	4	8	1
February 15,	1	16	5	4	5	2
February 21,	1	16	3	4	6	3
March 6,	1	16	2	4	6	4
March 7,	1	14	2	3	5	4
March 14,	1	14	1	2	6	5
March 21,	1	16	3	4	4	5
March 27,	1	16	5	0	7	4
April 4,	1	16	3	4	6	3
April 11,	1	16	4	5	6	1
April 18,	1	15	4	2	9	0
April 24,	1	15	5	6	4	0
May 2,	1	14	8	3	3	0
May 9,	1	15	2	1	6	6
May 16,	1	16	3	3	7	3
May 22,	1	15	5	4	4	2
June 6,	1	16	11	3	2	0
June 13,	1	16	3	5	4	4
June 20,	1	16	8	4	4	0
June 26,	1	15	5	5	2	3
September 12,	1	16	4	6	0	6
September 25,	1	16	4	2	4	6
October 3,	1	15	4	6	5	0
October 10,	1	16	5	3	5	3
October 17,	1	15	3	2	3	7
October 23,	1	15	5	3	3	4
November 6,	1	14	2	5	2	5
November 14,	1	14	1	1	5	7
November 20,	1	11	4	2	4	1
November 21,	1	15	3	1	9	2
Totals,	38	571	140	123	194	114

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,800 00
Traveling and other expenses of the members,	1,725 00
Salary and expenses of the agent,	2,400 00
Stenographer, clerical assistance and incidental office ex- penses,	3,250 00
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	\$11,175 00

Expenditures.

Salaries of members of the Board,	\$3,741 67
Traveling and other expenses of the members,	1,124 02
Salary and expenses of the agent to May 1, 1916,	957 85
Stenographer, clerical assistance and incidental office ex- penses,	3,010 03
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	\$8,833 57

Receipts.

164 fees for first examination \$5,	\$820 00
391 fees for re-examination at \$3,	1,173 00
15 fees for reciprocal registration at \$10,	150 00
14 fees for duplicate certificates at \$1,	14 00
17 fees for clerical services relating to reciprocity,	17 00
1,529 fees for liquor certificates at \$5,	7,645 00
1,986 ¹ fees for permits to operate drug stores at \$1,	1,986 00
Interest credited on fees deposited in national bank,	9 97

Total amount of fees received,	\$11,814 97
Deducting fees returned, applications being cancelled, with- drawn or refused,	272 00

Amount paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth, . \$11,542 97

Surplus paid into the Treasury.

Amount paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth,	\$11,542 97
Expenditures from appropriations,	8,833 57

Amount paid the Commonwealth in excess of the Board's
expense to the Commonwealth, \$2,709 40

¹ The number of fees received for permits exceeds the number of drug stores, owing to the fact that a new permit is required upon change of ownership; also, when permits are refused, often several re-applications are made.

Of the 140 persons who passed the examinations and were granted certificates of registration in pharmacy: —

17 passed on first examination.	3 passed on sixth examination.
40 passed on second examination.	2 passed on seventh examination.
37 passed on third examination.	4 passed on eighth examination.
27 passed on fourth examination.	1 passed on ninth examination.
8 passed on fifth examination.	1 passed on tenth examination.

Certificates of registration have been granted by reciprocity as follows: —

3 registered from Maine.
3 registered from New Hampshire.
2 registered from Connecticut.
1 registered from Alabama.
1 registered from Wisconsin.

Of the 1,529 applications for liquor certificates received: —

- 23 were granted sixth-class license certificates for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1916 (from Dec. 1, 1915).
- 14 were granted certificates of fitness for the balance of the license year ending May 1, 1916 (from Dec. 1, 1915).
- 928 were granted sixth-class license certificates for the license year ending May 1, 1917 (record closing with this report).
- 471 were granted certificates of fitness for the license year ending May 1, 1917 (record closing with this report).
- 34 were refused or withdrawn.
- 59 pending at time of closing the report (chiefly applications for year ending May 1, 1918).

The following pharmacists have died during the year: —

Albert E. Bailey, Ipswich.	Linus D. Drury, Boston.
Edward L. Barrett, Lawrence.	Charles E. Eames, Somerville.
John L. Bird, Dorchester.	Edward T. C. Eddy, Boston.
Charles S. Blake, Fall River.	George E. Fairbanks, Worcester.
Louis H. Boyle, Randolph.	D. Walter Faulkner, Malden.
Charles W. Brown, Lynn.	Albert L. Field, Lowell.
Edwin P. Burleigh, Boston.	Osias J. Gaudette, Salem.
Justin N. Dows, Lowell.	Charles S. Hall, Dorchester.

Joseph E. Harrity, Clinton.	Francis T. Quinn, Lowell.
John Heinritz, Holyoke.	Treffe E. Soucy, Taunton.
Edward W. Hilton, Somerville.	Frederick C. Tolman, Fitchburg.
Arthur F. Johnson, Malden.	Ernest L. Vaughan, Somerville.
Alfred S. Letourneau, Fall River.	Paul Weiner, Boston.
William C. B. Merriam, Springfield.	Joseph S. Whall, Quincy.
Joseph F. O'Donnell, Cambridge.	George R. Whitcher, Medford.
Lewis D. Parsons, Northampton.	James R. Wood, Stoneham.

SUMMARY.

Meetings: —

For examinations,	38
For hearings,	13
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Total number of meetings,	51

Hearings: —

In relation to the suspension of certificates of registration for violation of the liquor law,	20
In relation to the suspension of certificates of registration for aiding and abetting unregistered persons,	2
In relation to the suspension of certificates of registration for alleged misrepresentation at examinations or on reciprocal papers,	3
In relation to the suspension or revocation of liquor certificates,	20
In relation to the suspension, revocation or refusal of drug store permits,	8
In relation to applications for permits and liquor certificates,	58
In relation to reciprocal applications for registration,	7
In relation to duplicate certificates of registration,	2
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Total number of hearings,	120

Results of hearings, etc.: —

Number of certificates of registration suspended 30 days for violation of the liquor law,	2
Number of certificates of registration suspended five months for misrepresentation as to age at examinations,	1
Number of cases placed on file,	19
Number of sixth-class licenses and certificates of fitness suspended or revoked,	14
Number of drug store permits revoked for violation of the law,	4
Number of "would-be" drug stores prevented from opening by refusal of permit, wrong conditions warranting such action,	6

Number of permits withheld until conditions were satisfactory this meaning in some cases an entire change of ownership, . . .	5
Number of unregistered persons prosecuted in the courts through efforts of the Board for attempting to do a drug business, . . .	6
Number of stores closed, without court prosecution, attempting a drug business, not legally authorized,	3

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. BRIRY,
Secretary.